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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR MUMBAI SEWERAGE DISPOSAL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government to take up the matter with the World Bank for implementation of Mumbai Sewerage Disposal Project-Stage-II works;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) the response of the World Bank to the initiative of the Union Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): On the basis of the concept note submitted by the Government of Maharashtra, proposal has been recommended by the Ministry of Urban Development to Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) for exploring possibility of obtaining loan assistance from the World Bank. Simultaneously, Government of Maharashtra has been requested to furnish the project feasibility report along with financial phasing and commitment of the State Government to provide adequate counterpart funds for obtaining clearances of the Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO) and Planning Commission from technical and funding angles respectively. Department of Economic Affairs have also requested the Department of Expenditure to examine the proposal of the State Government from debt sustainability angle.

(c): The project has not been posed by Department of Economic Affairs to the World Bank. Hence, the question of response from the World Bank does not arise at present.